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Gentlemen:

By way of introduction my name is Samuel Sherk, Assistant Vice President, PennAg Industries Association, Feed, Grain & Allied Industries Council, Harrisburg, PA. PennAg is Pennsylvania's agribusiness trade association.

I am writing with regard to the FDA Proposed Rule on Food Facility Registration under the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

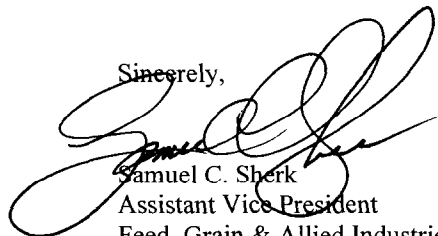
All feed manufacturing facilities have been inspected by your agency in the past three years under the BSE initiative. Thus, you already have a list of all feed manufacturers. Further, all feed manufacturing facilities have been identified by your Center for Food and Applied Nutrition. Additionally, our Commonwealth licenses all commercial feed manufacturing facilities and I'm certain you could readily access that information.

It is my understanding that you intend to have feed manufacturing facilities register online. Many feed manufacturing facilities in Pennsylvania are not online and it will be necessary to employ another method of registration for those mills that are not connected to the internet.

We suggest that you access this information from lists already in your possession and from state registries to identify feed manufacturing facilities in Pennsylvania. A process using email registration will likely provide you with an incomplete list.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Samuel C. Sherk

Assistant Vice President

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for Pennsylvania Agribusiness to grow and prosper*

